

DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and sole inventors of the invention entitled "SOAP APPARATUS WITH EMBEDDED SCRUBBING ELEMENT," which is described and claimed in the application and claims of Patent Application No. 10/718,991, which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 21, 2003, and for which a patent is sought.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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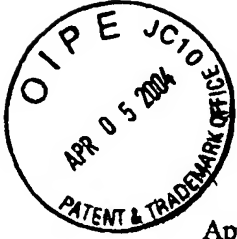
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/718,991 Confirmation No. : Not yet assigned
Applicants : Neil G. Stockman and Skye Wollenberg
Filed : November 21, 2003 Attorney Docket No.: 33406/US
Art Unit : Not yet assigned Customer No. : 27,076
Examiner : Not yet assigned
Title : SOAP APPARATUS WITH EMBEDDED SCRUBBING ELEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73(b) AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Trade Associates, Inc., filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Trade Associates, Inc.
ASSIGNEE

01/22/04
DATE



William N. Turnbull
President

Enclosure:

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Neil G. Stockman and Skye Wollenberg (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having post office addresses of 20622 1st PL S., Des Moines, WA 98198, and 5720 Kirkwood PL N., Seattle, WA 98103, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "SOAP APPARATUS WITH EMBEDDED SCRUBBING ELEMENT," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on November 21, 2003, and assigned Application No. 10/718,991.

WHEREAS, Trade Associates, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington, having a place of business at 4310 "B" Street, N.W., Auburn, Washington 98001, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

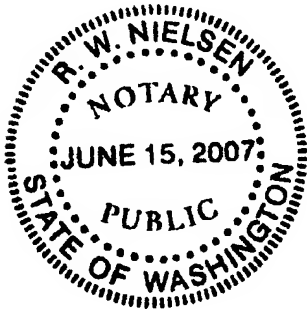
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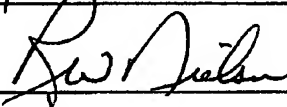

Neil G. Stockman

State of WASHINGTON)
County of KING)

ss.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Neil G. Stockman is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.



Dated Dec 16, 2003
Signature of Notary Public 
Printed Name R.W. Nielsen
My appointment expires JUNE 15, 2007

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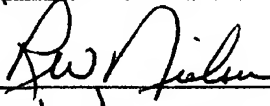

Skye Woolenborg

State of Washington)
County of King)

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Skye Woolenborg is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.



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